

## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as indicated hereafter.

Claims 1-37 (Canceled).

38. (Currently Amended) A method comprising the steps of:  
determining if at least one current rental exists;  
responsive to determining that at least one current rental does exist, determining whether  
an active video-on-demand (VOD) session for a first VOD presentation exists;  
providing a selectable option to view the first VOD presentation responsive to  
determining that the active VOD session exists; and  
providing a list of selectable VOD titles responsive to determining that ~~the active VOD~~  
~~session does not exist~~ at least one current rental does not exist.

39. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 38, further comprising:  
receiving a user input configured to select the selectable option to view the first VOD  
presentation; and  
responsive to receiving the user input, providing the first VOD presentation to a user.

40. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 38, further comprising:  
receiving a first user input configured to select a VOD title from the list of selectable  
VOD titles; and  
responsive to receiving the first user input, providing a selectable option for renting a  
second VOD presentation corresponding to the VOD title selected from the list of selectable  
VOD titles.

41. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 40, further comprising:  
receiving a second user input configured to select the selectable option for renting the  
second VOD presentation.

42. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 41, further comprising:  
responsive to receiving the second user input, determining whether the second VOD presentation is blocked.
43. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 42, further comprising:  
responsive to determining that the second VOD presentation is blocked, prompting a user to provide a third user input identifying a first access code for unblocking the VOD presentation.
44. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 43, further comprising:  
receiving the third user input identifying the first access code.
45. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 44, further comprising:  
responsive to receiving the third user input identifying the first access code, prompting the user to provide a fourth user input identifying a second access code.
46. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 45, further comprising:  
providing the user with the second VOD presentation responsive to receiving the fourth user input.
47. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 46, wherein the third user input and the fourth user input are each provided via a plurality of key-strokes.
48. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 46, wherein the first and second access codes each includes a plurality of characters.
49. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 46, wherein the third user input enables the second VOD presentation to be unblocked.
50. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 46, wherein the fourth user input enables the second VOD presentation to be rented.

51. (Currently Amended) A method comprising the steps of:  
providing a selectable option for renting a at least one VOD presentation;  
receiving a first user input configured to select the selectable option for renting the at least one VOD presentation;  
responsive to receiving the first user input, determining whether the at least one VOD presentation is blocked based upon a defined number of rentals;  
responsive to determining that the at least one VOD presentation is blocked based upon the defined number of rentals, prompting a user to provide a second user input identifying a first access code for unblocking the at least one VOD presentation;  
receiving the second user input identifying the first access code;  
responsive to receiving the second user input identifying the first access code, prompting the user to provide a third user input identifying a second access code; and  
providing the user with the at least one VOD presentation responsive to receiving the third user input.

52. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 51, wherein the second user input and the third user input are each provided via a plurality of key-strokes.

53. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 51, wherein the first and second access codes each includes a plurality of characters.

54. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 51, wherein the second user input enables the at least one VOD presentation to be unblocked.

55. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 51, wherein the third user input enables the at least one VOD presentation to be rented.

56. (Currently Amended) A digital home communication terminal (DHCT) comprising:  
memory; and  
program code stored in said memory and configured to enable the DHCT to:  
determining if at least one current rental exists;  
responsive to determining that at least one current rental does exist, determine  
whether an active video-on-demand (VOD) session for a first VOD presentation exists;  
provide a selectable option to view the first VOD presentation responsive to  
determining that the active VOD session exists; and  
provide a list of selectable VOD titles responsive to determining that ~~the active~~  
~~VOD session does not exist~~ at least one current rental does not exist.
57. (Previously Presented) The DHCT of claim 56, wherein the program code is further  
configured to provide the first VOD presentation responsive to user input selecting the selectable  
option to view the first VOD presentation.
58. (Previously Presented) The DHCT of claim 56, wherein the program code is further  
configured to provide a second VOD presentation identified in the list of selectable VOD titles  
responsive to receiving a first user input selecting the second VOD presentation, a second user  
input identifying a first access code, and a third user input identifying a second access code.
59. (Previously Presented) The DHCT of claim 58, wherein the first access code enables the  
second VOD presentation to be unblocked.
60. (Previously Presented) The DHCT of claim 58, wherein the second access code enables  
the second VOD presentation to be rented.

61. (Currently Amended) A digital home communication terminal (DHCT) comprising:  
memory; and  
program code stored in said memory and configured to enable the DHCT to:  
    prompt a user to provide a first user input identifying a first access code based upon a defined number of rentals;  
    prompt the user to provide a second user input identifying a second access code;  
    and  
    provide the user with ~~the~~ at least one VOD presentation responsive to the DHCT receiving the first and second user inputs.
62. (Previously Presented) The DHCT of claim 61, wherein the first and second user inputs are each provided via a plurality of key-strokes.
63. (Previously Presented) The DHCT of claim 61, wherein the first and second access codes each includes a plurality of characters.
64. (Currently Amended) The DHCT of claim 61, wherein the first user input enables the at least one VOD presentation to be unblocked.
65. (Currently Amended) The DHCT of claim 61, wherein the second user input enables the at least one VOD presentation to be rented.
66. (New) The method of claim 51, wherein the determining whether the at least one VOD presentation is blocked based upon the defined number of rentals made in a given time period  
and  
    responsive to determining that the at least one VOD presentation is blocked based upon the defined number of rentals made in the given time period, prompting a user to provide a second user input identifying a first access code for unblocking the at least one VOD presentation.

67. (New) The method of claim 51, wherein the determining whether the at least one VOD presentation is blocked based upon a type of rental and

responsive to determining that the at least one VOD presentation is blocked based upon the type of rental, prompting a user to provide a second user input identifying a first access code for unblocking the at least one VOD presentation.

68. (New) The DHCT of 61, wherein the program code stored in said memory and configured to enable the DHCT to prompt the user to provide a second user input identifying a second access code based upon a defined number of rentals made in a given time period.

69. (New) The DHCT of 61, wherein the program code stored in said memory and configured to enable the DHCT to prompt the user to provide a second user input identifying a second access code based upon a type of rental.